

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as follows. Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,931,263 to *Boucher et al.* (hereinafter, *Boucher*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,639 to *Goldberg et al.* (hereinafter, *Goldberg*). It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 15-18 contain allowable subject matter.

As indicated above, independent Claims 1, 6 and 10 have been amended and Claims 19-24 have been added. Independent Claim 16 has also been amended for further clarity. Accordingly, in view of these amendments and additions, no new matter has been added.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that *Boucher* and *Goldberg*, combined, teach or suggest each and every limitation of Claim 1. The Examiner contends that *Boucher* discloses each limitation of Claim 1 except for a speech information-managing database including a table for storing character information corresponding to the speech information. The Examiner cites *Goldberg* to remedy this deficiency.

The present invention, as recited in Claim 1, is directed to a mobile communication terminal capable of speech recognition that includes: a speech processing unit, a speech recognizing unit, a speech information managing database, a control unit and a display unit.

In *Boucher*, a system and method for associating text with a voice command and entering the associated text into an electronic device is disclosed. The system allows a user of the electronic device to enter text strings into a memory and to record a voice utterance. This system is then able to automatically associate the voice utterance with an appropriate text string, enabling a user to enter text information into a communication message using voice recognition and a particular voice utterance associated with a particular voice string.

Goldberg discloses a 1990's era method and apparatus for providing notification of pre-established shorthand notation where a user who enters information in longhand fashion is reminded that such information may also be accessed by entering a shorthand counterpart to the entered information.

Claim 1 has been amended to further define the control unit of the mobile communication terminal. More specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the control unit converts the speech data into character information based on a conversion table stored in a memory. As acknowledged by the Examiner, *Boucher* fails to disclose a table with character information. While *Goldberg* discloses a table relating shorthand to longhand, it fails to disclose a table for converting speech data into character information. Thus, the combination of *Boucher* and *Goldberg* fails to teach or suggest a control unit for converting the speech data into character information based on a conversion table stored in a memory, as presently recited in amended Claim 1.

Accordingly, because the combination of *Boucher* and *Goldberg* fails to teach, suggest or render obvious each and every limitation of amended Claim 1, it is submitted that amended Claim 1 is allowable over the combination of *Boucher* and *Goldberg*.

The Examiner also rejected independent Claims 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), contending that Claims 6 and 10 contained similar recitations as those set forth in Claim 1. As indicated above, Claims 6 and 10 have been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1. Thus, in view of this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 6 and 10 are likewise in condition for allowance.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), these claims are dependent claims; accordingly, because it is believed that the above-mentioned argument places the independent claims into condition for allowance, then Claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11-14 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-24 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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